

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claim 1 (original): A nickel-base alloy comprising, by mass, at least 29% but less than 42% chromium, more than 1% and not more than 3% tantalum, 0.001 to 0.05% magnesium, 0.001 to 0.04% nitrogen and 0.05 to 0.5% manganese, with the balance being nickel and inadvertent impurities, the amount of carbon included in the alloy as inadvertent impurities being not more than 0.05%.

Claim 2 (original): A nickel-base alloy comprising, by mass, at least 29% but less than 42% chromium, more than 1% and not more than 3% tantalum, 0.001 to 0.05% magnesium, 0.001 to 0.04% nitrogen, 0.05 to 0.5% manganese and 0.1 to 2% molybdenum, with the balance being nickel and inadvertent impurities, the amount of carbon included in the alloy as inadvertent impurities being not more than 0.05%.

Claim 3 (original): A nickel-base alloy comprising, by mass, at least 29% but less than 42% chromium, more than 1% and not more than 3% tantalum, 0.001 to 0.05% magnesium, 0.001 to 0.04% nitrogen, 0.05 to 0.5% manganese, and one or both of 0.05 to 1.0% iron and 0.01 to 0.1% silicon, with the balance being nickel and inadvertent impurities, the amount of carbon included in the alloy as inadvertent impurities being not more than 0.05%.

Claim 4 (original): A nickel-base alloy comprising, by mass, at least 29% but less than 42% chromium, more than 1% and not more than 3% tantalum, 0.001 to 0.05% magnesium, 0.001 to 0.04% nitrogen, 0.05 to 0.5% manganese, 0.1 to 2% molybdenum, and one or both of 0.05 to 1.0% iron and 0.01 to 0.1% silicon, with the balance being nickel and inadvertent impurities, the amount of carbon included in the alloy as inadvertent impurities being not more than 0.05%.

Claim 5 (currently amended): A structural member for a polymer electrolyte fuel cell, which member is made of the nickel-base alloy according to claim 1,~~2,3 or 4~~.

Claim 6 (currently amended): A manifold member for a polymer electrolyte fuel cell, which member is made of the nickel-base alloy according to claim 1,~~2,3 or 4~~.

Claim 7 (currently amended): A pipe member for a polymer electrolyte fuel cell, which member is made of the nickel-base alloy according to claim 1,~~2,3 or 4~~.

Claim 8 (currently amended): A fastener member for a polymer electrolyte fuel cell, which member is made of the nickel-base alloy according to claim 1,~~2,3 or 4~~.

Claim 9 (currently amended): A support plate member for a polymer electrolyte fuel cell, which member is made of the nickel-base alloy according to claim 1,~~2,3 or 4~~.

Claim 10 (currently amended): A separator member for a polymer electrolyte fuel cell, which member is made of the nickel-base alloy according to claim 1,~~2,3 or 4~~.

Claim 11 (original): A nickel-base alloy comprising, by mass, more than 43% and not more than 50% chromium, 0.1 to 2% molybdenum, 0.001 to 0.05% magnesium, 0.001 to 0.04% nitrogen, and 0.05 to 0.5% manganese, with the balance being nickel and inadvertent impurities, the amount of carbon included in the alloy as inadvertent impurities being not more than 0.05%.

Claim 12 (original): A nickel-base alloy comprising, by mass, more than 43% and not more than 50% chromium, 0.1 to 2% molybdenum, 0.001 to 0.05% magnesium, 0.001 to 0.04% nitrogen, 0.05 to 0.5% manganese, and one or both of 0.05 to 1.0% iron and 0.01 to 0.1% silicon, with the balance being nickel and inadvertent impurities, the amount of carbon included in the alloy as inadvertent impurities being not more than 0.05%.

Claim 13 (currently amended): A structural member for a polymer electrolyte fuel cell, which member is made of the nickel-base alloy according to claim 11 ~~or 12~~.

Claim 14 (currently amended): A manifold member for a polymer electrolyte fuel cell, which member is made of the nickel-base alloy according to claim 11 ~~or 12~~.

Claim 15 (currently amended): A pipe member for a polymer electrolyte fuel cell, which member is made of the nickel-base alloy according to claim 11 ~~or 12~~.

Claim 16 (currently amended): A fastener member for a polymer electrolyte fuel cell, which member is made of the nickel-base alloy according to claim 11 ~~or 12~~.

Claim 17 (currently amended): A support plate member for a polymer electrolyte fuel cell, which member is made of the nickel-base alloy according to claim 11 ~~or 12~~.

Claim 18 (currently amended): A separator member for a polymer electrolyte fuel cell, which member is made of the nickel-base alloy according to claim 11 ~~or 12~~.

Claim 19 (new): A structural member for a polymer electrolyte fuel cell, which member is made of the nickel-base alloy according to claim 2.

Claim 20 (new): A structural member for a polymer electrolyte fuel cell, which member is made of the nickel-base alloy according to claim 3.

Claim 21 (new): A structural member for a polymer electrolyte fuel cell, which member is made of the nickel-base alloy according to claim 4.

Claim 22 (new): A manifold member for a polymer electrolyte fuel cell, which member is made of the nickel-base alloy according to claim 2.

Claim 23 (new): A manifold member for a polymer electrolyte fuel cell, which member is made of the nickel-base alloy according to claim 3.

Claim 24 (new): A manifold member for a polymer electrolyte fuel cell, which member is made of the nickel-base alloy according to claim 4.

Claim 25 (new): A pipe member for a polymer electrolyte fuel cell, which member is made of the nickel-base alloy according to claim 2.

Claim 26 (new): A pipe member for a polymer electrolyte fuel cell, which member is made of the nickel-base alloy according to claim 3.

Claim 27 (new): A pipe member for a polymer electrolyte fuel cell, which member is made of the nickel-base alloy according to claim 4.

Claim 28 (new): A fastener member for a polymer electrolyte fuel cell, which member is made of the nickel-base alloy according to claim 2.

Claim 29 (new): A fastener member for a polymer electrolyte fuel cell, which member is made of the nickel-base alloy according to claim 3.

Claim 30 (new): A fastener member for a polymer electrolyte fuel cell, which member is made of the nickel-base alloy according to claim 4.

Claim 31 (new): A support plate member for a polymer electrolyte fuel cell, which member is made of the nickel-base alloy according to claim 2.

Claim 32 (new): A support plate member for a polymer electrolyte fuel cell, which member is made of the nickel-base alloy according to claim 3.

Claim 33 (new): A support plate member for a polymer electrolyte fuel cell, which member is made of the nickel-base alloy according to claim 4.

Claim 34 (new): A separator member for a polymer electrolyte fuel cell, which member is made of the nickel-base alloy according to claim 2.

Claim 35 (new): A separator member for a polymer electrolyte fuel cell, which member is made of the nickel-base alloy according to claim 3.

Claim 36 (new): A separator member for a polymer electrolyte fuel cell, which member is made of the nickel-base alloy according to claim 4.

Claim 37 (new): A structural member for a polymer electrolyte fuel cell, which member is made of the nickel-base alloy according to claim 12.

Claim 38 (new): A manifold member for a polymer electrolyte fuel cell, which member is made of the nickel-base alloy according to claim 12.

Claim 39 (new): A pipe member for a polymer electrolyte fuel cell, which member is made of the nickel-base alloy according to claim 12.

Claim 40 (new): A fastener member for a polymer electrolyte fuel cell, which member is made of the nickel-base alloy according to claim 12.

Claim 41 (new): A support plate member for a polymer electrolyte fuel cell, which member is made of the nickel-base alloy according to claim 12.

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Claim 42 (new): A separator member for a polymer electrolyte fuel cell, which member is made of the nickel-base alloy according to claim 12.